

II. AMENDMENTS TO CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A light fixture comprising:

A. an integral rectangular base assembly including:

a base having a top end;

a plurality of vertical framing members extending from the four corners of said top end of said base and defining four open windows, said vertical framing members having a top end;

a resting seat at said top end of said base; and

a horizontal connector member connecting said top end of said vertical framing members;

B. a light transmitting tube slidably carried over said vertical framing members and said horizontal connector member;

C. one or more open louver members having central openings therein;

D. said open louver members slidably carried over said light transmitting tube and supported by said resting seat;

E. a closed louver member slidably carried over said light transmitting tube, said closed louver member substantially covering said light transmitting tube and said base assembly;

F. corner posts extending downwards from each of said louver members;

and

G. a fastening arrangement for securing said light transmitting tube and said louver members to said base assembly; and

H. a first water dam at the intersection of said vertical framing member and said resting seat, said first water dam creating a weatherproof seal between said light transmitting tube and said base assembly when said light transmitting tube is secured thereto;

whereby said open and said closed louver members form a vertically stacked layer of louver members surrounding said light transmitting tube with said corner posts maintaining open areas within said vertically stacked layer of louver members thereby allowing transmission of light from said light fixture through said windows, said light transmitting tube, and said open areas in said vertically stacked layer of louver members.

2. (canceled)

3. (original) The light fixture of claim 1 wherein said closed louver member includes a lower surface and a peripheral lip.

4. (original) The light fixture of claim 3 including a second water dam at the intersection of said lower surface and said peripheral lip of said closed louver member, said second water dam creating a weatherproof seal between said top end of said light transmitting tube and said closed louver member.

5. (original) The light fixture of claim 1 wherein said light transmitting tube is of rectangular shape.

6. (original) The light fixture of claim 3 wherein said light transmitting tube is molded of polycarbonate.

7. (new) A light fixture comprising:

A. an integral rectangular base assembly including:

a base having a top end;

a plurality of vertical framing members extending from the four corners of said top end of said base and defining four open windows, said vertical framing members having a top end;

B. a light transmitting tube surrounding said vertical framing members and said horizontal connector member;

C. one or more open louver members having central openings therein;

D. said open louver members surrounding said light transmitting tube;

E. a closed louver member on top of said open louver members and surrounding said light transmitting tube; and

G. a fastening arrangement securing said light transmitting tube and said closed louver member to said base assembly in such a manner that said louver

members are disposed in a fixed, unmovable relationship with respect to said light fixture.